## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

This application is a continuation of:

Serial No. 10/265,210 filed October 4, 2002.

Applicant(s): Borgstrom, Alan D.

Examiner (Anticipated): Paumen, Gary F.

Higgins, Kieran

Serial No.: Unassigned Group Art Unit (Anticipated): 2833

Filed: Herewith Docket: 577-549 CON

For: THERMOPLASTIC MOLDED SET

Dated: December 12, 2003 SCREW CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Date December 12, 2003 Label No. EV 261771184 US I hereby certify that on the date indicated above I deposited this paper or fee with the U.S. Postal Service and that it was addressed for delivery to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 by "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE to ADDRESSEE" service.

Nancy C. Marcovici

Name (Print)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present submission is being made to accompany a continuation application filed concurrently herewith, claiming priority to co-pending application Serial No. 10/265,210 filed October 4, 2002. Prior to calculating the filing fee for this application, please amend the application as follows: